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Paris la Défense, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2002

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| Breakdown by geographical areas  (in M€) | June 30 |           |           |       |               |  |
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|  | 2002    | 2001      | %         | % (1) | 2001          |  |
|  |         | Pro forma | Pro forma |       | Published (2) |  |
| FRANCE                                   | 603     | 582       | 3.7%      | 2.7%  | 581           |  |
| EUROPEAN UNION (excluding France)        | 244     | 226       | 7.9%      | 6.9%  | 225           |  |
| OTHER COUNTRIES                          | 596     | 577       | 3.2%      | -1.5% | 596           |  |
| TOTAL                                    | 1,443   | 1,385     | 4.2%      | 1.6%  | 1,402         |  |

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| CEMENT                            | 939     | 902       | 4.1%      | 0.8%  | 922           |  |
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